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For: COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE METHOD, COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE
        DEVICE, COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER
        READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM ON WHICH A COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE
        PROGRAM IS STORED

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